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ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Note by the Chairman

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Organization of the work of the Commission

1. It will be recalled that a paper was distributed by the Commission to the members and observer States on 9 February 1994, containing a proposal for a "reclustered" agenda of the Commission. This proposal was discussed in the plenary on 22 February 1994. It was also the subject of meetings between the Chairman and respresentatives of the Regional Groups. On the basis of these discussions, the Chairman's paper was somewhat revised (see annex II) in order to take account of some of the suggestions made.

2. On the basis of the consultations which the Chairman undertook, he came to the conclusion that it was not possible to discuss the proposal further during the present session. In fact, there seemed to be little general agreement on how to proceed, except for a general inclination towards the adoption of some reforms. In these circumstances, the most viable way forward, according to the Chairman, is a well-structured discussion with very specific goals in an open-ended working group, open to all participants. The working group would be chaired by the Chairman of the fiftieth session of the Commission and would discuss the following topics, in the following order:

(a) "Reclustering" the agenda of the Commission on Human Rights, with a view to recommending a new draft provisional agenda to the Commission at its fifty-first session using the revised proposal by the Chairman for a reclustered agenda as the basis;

(b) Organizational matters concerning the Commission such as documentation, resolutions and speaking times;

(c) A provisional inventory of future topics for reform.

3. The Chairman proposes the adoption by the Commission of a decision establishing the above-mentioned working group. The Secretariat would be asked to compile relevant documentation on the organizational matters related to the Commission.

Annex I

RESUME OF PROPOSED "RECLUSTERED" AGENDA OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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